

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Llew Jones, on February 5, 2015 at 2:14 P.M., in Room 303 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Llew Jones, Chair (R)  
Sen. Bob Keenan, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Mark Blasdel (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Kris Hansen (R)  
Sen. David Howard (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Mike Phillips (D)  
Sen. Rick Ripley (R)  
Sen. Matthew M. Rosendale Sr (R)  
Sen. Jon C. Sesso (D)  
Sen. Janna Taylor (R)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Cynthia Wolken (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Frederick (Eric) Moore (R)  
Sen. Cary Smith (R)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)

##### **Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Prudence Gildroy, Committee Secretary  
Julie Johnson, Legislative Branch  
Jon Moe, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 145, 1/30/2015; SB 34, 1/30/2015; SB 57, 1/30/2015

**HEARING ON SB 145**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:01 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 15, opened the hearing on SB 145, Revise allocation of oil and gas revenue for oil and natural gas impact projects.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:34 Shantil Siaperas, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)  
00:03:54 David Nielsen, Montana League of Cities and Towns (MLCT)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:04:34 Bob Gilbert, lobbyist representing Phillips, Dawson, Rosebud and Musselshell Counties

**Informational Testimony:**

00:06:33 Doug Mitchell, deputy director, Montana Department of Commerce (COM)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:08:24 Sen. Sesso  
00:10:43 Sen. Hamlett  
00:11:42 Sen. Sesso  
00:12:05 Sen. Hamlett  
00:12:28 Sen. Howard  
00:12:58 Mr. Gilbert, lobbyist  
00:13:55 Sen. Howard  
00:14:05 Mr. Gilbert  
00:14:48 Sen. Keane  
00:15:13 Shantil Siaperas, MACo

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:15:51 Sen. Hamlett

**HEARING ON SB 34**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:17:21 Sen. Tom Facey (D), SD 50, opened the hearing on SB 34, Facilitate cabin and home-site sales.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:21:15 Shawn Thomas, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
00:22:55 Margaret Morgan, Montana State Leaseholders Association (MSLA)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:25:31 Sen. Howard  
00:26:01 Sen. Facey  
00:26:27 Sen. Howard  
00:26:49 Sen. Facey  
00:27:48 Sen. Webb  
00:28:16 Sen. Facey  
00:28:51 Sen. Webb  
00:29:16 Sen. Facey  
00:29:53 John Grimm, DNRC  
00:31:05 Sen. Hamlett

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:31:33 Sen. Facey

**HEARING ON SB 57**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:32:22 Sen. Chas Vincent (R), SD 1, opened the hearing on SB 57, Revise water adjudication funding and benchmarks.

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**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:34:29 Beth McLaughlin, court administrator, Montana Supreme Court and Montana Water Court  
00:36:16 Tim Davis, administrator, Water Resources Division, Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)  
00:37:02 Krista Lee Evans, Senior Water Rights Coalition and Association of Gallatin Agricultural Irrigators (AGAI)  
00:37:55 John Youngberg, Montana Farm Bureau Foundation  
00:38:29 Brian Ohs, Montana Trout Unlimited (MTTU)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:39:08 Sen. Sesso  
00:39:30 Sen. Vincent  
00:39:59 Sen. Sesso  
00:40:15 Sen. Vincent

00:40:50 Chair Jones  
00:41:02 Sen. Vincent  
00:41:13 Chair Jones  
00:41:18 Sen. Vincent  
00:41:24 Sen. Phillips

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:41:54 Sen. Vincent

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 2:57 p.m.

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Prudence Gildroy, Secretary

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